

1 bombed out in Iraq. It really looks to me like  
2 something that should be torn down and not added on to.

3 It also gives a very negative impression to the  
4 Department of Corrections that they would allow this  
5 kind of visual blight today.

6 I mean, a little paint, a little something can  
7 be done to make it look like it belongs to the 20th  
8 century;

9 That it belongs to the United States of  
10 America; that we have people living there.

11 I think the EIR is flawed in its analysis of  
12 the single story versus the stacked model.

13 I think it's clear that the Department of  
14 Corrections wants the stacked model, probably because  
15 they want to maintain the houses for employees.

16 If you take a look at the pictures over there,  
17 you can see that the single story model -- nothing has  
18 been done at all in the single story design to make it  
19 look attractive or to make it blend into the  
20 environment.

21 The two story model there is shown in the dark  
22 brown color that blends into the background. And the  
23 one story looks like it is flooded with light.

24 It's light-colored and beige so it's designed  
25 so it will look as ugly as possible so that it would

1 prejudice anyone looking at those photos to the two  
2 story design.

3 I personally favor the one story design  
4 because it limits the expansion of the prison later.

5 But I think much more could be done to improve  
6 the visuals of the one story design. And I think it was  
7 not done in the EIR because the Department of  
8 Corrections wants everyone to reject that so that they  
9 can have the two story design.

10 If we take the existing prison as a model for  
11 the esthetics of the new prison and we take these  
12 pictures and we can see that this is a dramatic visual  
13 blight on a highly scenic resource for all of Marin.

14 And I don't think it has to be that way. I  
15 think the prison and the Department of Corrections can  
16 be a good neighbor, if they choose to be.

17 They can make this look more attractive for the  
18 people of Marin, for the visitors through our county.  
19 It's a gateway. It's the middle of our beautiful  
20 environment and it is a precious jewel in terms of its  
21 location.

22 And I would like to see the Department of  
23 Corrections do a better job.

24 Thank you.

25 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

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1           Next, I have Ed Grammens. Ed? Is he still  
2 here? Okay, we'll keep that to the side. Let's see, it  
3 says Lucky or T-u-c-k-y? Is he still here?

4           MR. JAKOBS: Mr. Pogut?

5           MS. DANIELS: Don Fredericks?

6           MR. FREDERICKS: I wish that the public  
7 officials who come and say their little pieces and go  
8 out the door would stay to hear an alternate side.

9           And that's what I present is an alternate side.

10          San Quentin is 150 years old. One-fifth of  
11 that is 30 years. That's how long I worked at San  
12 Quentin in Corrections.

13          The Marinites have repeatedly stated concerns  
14 over traffic. Yet, they did not buy into Bart. Every  
15 time it comes up on the ballot, they buy out.

16          They didn't buy into the Northern California  
17 Coastal Railway. They're not buying into anything else.

18          They talked about having this light rail but  
19 they don't have any money for it. They don't have any  
20 plans on the paper work.

21          They don't even know where they're going to put  
22 it, if they have it. So to solve the traffic problems  
23 in Marin, they haven't even taken the first steps to  
24 address the issues, themselves, whether SMART is there  
25 or not.

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1           The esthetics of the architecture is not the  
2 esthetics of a school house. It's the esthetics of a  
3 secure facility, securing the most serious felons within  
4 the Corrections, those that the public and the court  
5 systems have deemed to be so bad that they had to be  
6 sentenced to death, despite all the other obstacles.

7           The esthetics of the buildings is no different  
8 than that of going just down the street to Home Depot.  
9 It's a square box.

10           They're big box buildings being built. The  
11 lighting; look at the lighting there. Look at the  
12 lighting going down 101 that's been added with auto  
13 rows, with the different other stores and stuff that's  
14 there.

15           Turn the cameras around the other way and look  
16 in the other direction of Corte Madera shopping centers  
17 that weren't there when I started in '73.

18           When I started in '73, they were already  
19 talking about closing San Quentin and they're going to  
20 continue talking about closing San Quentin because  
21 realtors think that they're going to get a windfall out  
22 of this.

23           Frankly, San Quentin is 150 years old.  
24 San Quentin is one of the major historical landmarks in  
25 California.

1           If San Quentin were to close, it would fall to  
2     the State Park Systems, to begin with. The original San  
3     Quentin is never going to go away.

4           It once took 440 acres from its original 20  
5     acre purchase.

6           It's now very much smaller and getting smaller  
7     because land has gone to a new housing development that  
8     they didn't bother to say, well, gee, that's too close  
9     to San Quentin, too.

10          San Quentin was there before any one of those  
11     other houses were there. There is not a house within  
12     ten miles that is as old as San Quentin.

13          So let's look at it a little more in our own  
14     backyard before we really go out on the line and condemn  
15     the new front yard.

16          Yes, there will be lighting there. But it's  
17     the public safety that that lighting is there for.

18          There are flat buildings. But it is those flat  
19     building walls that is there for the public safety.

20          How many condemned inmates do you want to get  
21     out and go into an architecturally designed and the full  
22     landscaping and a thousand places to hide?

23          Well, they have got 24 hours a day to try to  
24     figure out how to assault somebody. They got 24 hours  
25     a day to try to figure out how to make an escape.

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1           Dig tunnels? -- yeah, we've had them. People  
2 going out in little rubber boats? -- yeah, we've had  
3 them.

4           But the community is by far safer with a safe,  
5 secure facility.

6           They want rail transit. There is a lot of  
7 places up towards Novato that they can put in rail  
8 transit and get the traffic before it reaches central  
9 Marin.

10           San Quentin has done repeated studies on  
11 traffic a thousand times.

12           They instituted carpools. They instituted --  
13 they changed the hours. We're not even in the compute  
14 time period when people are commuting.

15           We go to work earlier in the day and get off  
16 earlier in the day before they start that main traffic  
17 from your community businesses and schools and stuff of  
18 this nature.

19           They say, oh, not in my backyard. They say,  
20 why don't they try someplace else?

21           They've tried to build and move San Quentin and  
22 Death Row to other counties, other facilities.

23           L.A. County doesn't even want a prison of any  
24 kind. It's way up in Lancaster because L.A. doesn't  
25 want a prison in their area --

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1 MS. DANIELS: Don --

2 MR. FREDERICKS: -- and they got the votes to  
3 do it. So it's there. It's going to stay there. Make  
4 the best use of it. It will save the taxpayers dollars  
5 by far.

6 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Next we have Michelle  
7 Fay.

8 MS. FOY: It's Foy, F-o-y. I'm with the  
9 California Prison Moratorium Project. And, like our  
10 name suggests, we oppose any new prison construction in  
11 the State of California, including the expansion of San  
12 Quentin Death Row.

13 I think Sue spoke earlier about the commission  
14 that's investigating death sentences in California. And  
15 I believe that the idea of a moratorium on the death  
16 penalty is not a fantasy.

17 We've seen the former Governor Ryan in the  
18 State of Illinois commute death sentences for everyone  
19 who is condemned there; that the death penalty is  
20 wrought with problems and that this state has made a  
21 commitment to take a look at that.

22 So planning to expand this Death Row to the  
23 largest Death Row in the world is not good long-term  
24 planning.

25 We are an organization that believes that the

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1 money that goes into the prison system needs to be put  
2 to use in terms of services, education, health care,  
3 things that will really benefit our community in the  
4 long-term.

5 And the money that will be spent on the San  
6 Quentin Death Row is a piece of that.

7 When the State is in the middle of this  
8 incredible crisis and cuts are coming down on all ends  
9 for people -- for working people in this state, we need  
10 to really step back and look at that.

11 And so we're here to support the opposition to  
12 the expansion to say that it's time to really think more  
13 proactively about the long-term, about this question of  
14 whether or not the death penalty we will be committing  
15 40 new people to Death Row every year for the next 20  
16 years;

17 What will California be like in another 50  
18 years? Will we have 20 new prisons? Is that what  
19 Californians want?

20 And I think poles have suggested that  
21 Californians have come out clearly saying our tax  
22 dollars are not well spent on new prisons. It's  
23 criminal justice that puts smart people in prisons.

24 In fact, we need to look at reforms. So thank  
25 you very much.



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1 MS. DANIELS: Next we have Robert Moy, M-o-y.  
2 And we have four more speakers after Robert.

3 MR. MOY: Thank you. I'll be very short in my  
4 talking. That's Moy, M-o-y. And good evening.

5 And I have a question: Was the visual impact  
6 evaluation done from the Greenbrae Boardwalk community,  
7 which is located across the creek from the Larkspur  
8 Ferry Terminal?

9 There is a whole community there whose views  
10 take in your project during the night and also during  
11 the day.

12 We have a peaceful, beautiful view over the  
13 water at night. The impact of your lighting would take  
14 that away from those of us who live on the Greenbrae  
15 boardwalk.

16 So my question again is: Were we considered in  
17 your evaluation? Thank you.

18 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Next, we have Jean  
19 Arnold.

20 MS. ARNOLD: I've probably spoken on these  
21 topics more than anybody here. I went to a lot of the  
22 San Quentin Reuse Planning Committee meetings.

23 I've been to the Board of Supervisors, the  
24 Planning Commission, the Board of Realtors show last  
25 week.

1           And I'm not going to address any of social  
2 issues that compel me primarily to be here. I live in  
3 the town adjoining the prison.

4           And, like Jody, I never thought that I would be  
5 for Death Row, let alone expansion of a prison that is  
6 in my backyard.

7           But the alternatives that have been offered are  
8 so appalling in terms of the reuse, that it seems as if  
9 it's in the best interest of society and of Marin County  
10 for the expansion to move forward.

11           Given that, I just want to address a couple of  
12 things that people have said that have to do with the  
13 EIR.

14           One is that I don't believe I saw anything in  
15 the draft EIR about the soapstone, which contains  
16 asbestos, which is -- I believe that quarry area, a lot  
17 of the geological formations in that area are soapstone.

18           And soapstone tends to have asbestos in it.

19           So I don't think I read anything in there about  
20 that. But I haven't read every inch of the EIR.

21           The other thing I wanted to mention is I heard  
22 that Joe Nation was saying that the expansion would  
23 cause a greater need for employee housing.

24           What I assume he did not mention is that the  
25 reuse plan would involve 15,900 new cars on the road and

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1 the SMART train would only take off 5100 cars from the  
2 road.

3 So if the SMART train went through and we put  
4 in the transit village, we'd have 10,000 more cars than  
5 we had before he started all this wonderful planning  
6 that we've been doing.

7 And my third concern, again, having to do with  
8 the draft EIR, there is something deeply flawed on the  
9 traffic studies.

10 And I don't know enough about traffic studies  
11 to tell you what it is. But, for instance, they're  
12 suggesting that there should be a stop light at the end  
13 of Main and 580.

14 I've lived in this area, I think, it's 14  
15 years now. I've never had to wait there. So if this  
16 project was only going to add, approximately, ten  
17 percent more cars, I don't understand -- there is  
18 something really wrong.

19 And it may have to do with the bridge project  
20 having started at the time they were doing the traffic  
21 studies.

22 But I'm deeply concerned that the traffic  
23 studies that were done have no bearing, no accuracy,  
24 given the fact that that bridge project has completely  
25 changed all traffic --

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1           You know, it changes how I come home. It  
2 changes how everybody is moving through that area.

3           So I don't know how they can project that. But  
4 there -- if I know that much about that one  
5 intersection, my guess is that all of the different  
6 intersection areas that they looked at may be really  
7 inaccurate.

8           And we may be making decisions on putting in  
9 lights or adding lanes or doing all these things that  
10 are permanent that are based on a very temporary,  
11 approximately two to three-year situation with that  
12 bridge project.

13           And I do agree that traffic going onto 101,  
14 both at Sir Francis Drake and at the 580 interchange  
15 really has to be considered when you look at anything to  
16 do with increasing usage of the site.

17           But the last thing I want to say is that I  
18 don't think you're going to find another community that  
19 is as accepting of this project as Marin is.

20           I hope you recognize that and I hope that,  
21 because people have been relatively friendly toward this  
22 project, that you will really honor their request when  
23 it comes to the lighting, the sound effects and the  
24 esthetics.

25           I mean, you could do just painting on the

1 walls, a faux effect, even, that would make it look like  
2 the old buildings.

3 You can do things with paint so that from a  
4 distance, you can have fake shadows and everything, you  
5 know, that would not affect the fact that it's still a  
6 flat surface and nobody can hide behind a stanchion or  
7 something.

8 So I think there are things that could be done  
9 relatively inexpensively that would address a lot of the  
10 concerns that people have.

11 And I hope that you'll honor the fact that  
12 people aren't here with banners and signs really making  
13 your lives difficult.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Next, we have James  
16 Holmes.

17 MR. HOLMES: James Holmes. I'm a Larkspur --  
18 long time Larkspur resident. I'm a State employee,  
19 myself, and I don't have any interest in this at all  
20 except that I would have to live with whatever occurred.

21 I do support very strongly the concept of the  
22 expansion of Death Row here. I won't go into the  
23 details but I did send a letter to Mr. Sifuentes and I  
24 will provide a copy of it here for your future  
25 reference.

1           Candidly, I find the Environmental Impact  
2 Report here to be generally candid and credible and  
3 close to exhaustive.

4           And I thank you because when I appeared at the  
5 scoping sessions, I expressed concern about addressing  
6 the impacts of the so-called transit village versus the  
7 proposed impact.

8           And low and behold, you did that. And my  
9 favorite phrase here is on page 1.3 to four and it  
10 says:

11           "Further reuse of the San Quentin State Prison  
12 property would result in greater environmental impacts  
13 than the project with respect to land use, noise, air  
14 quality, transportation and cultural resources."

15           Words to live by. Thank you for making that  
16 clear.

17           And I also urge you to review with great  
18 skepticism the result-oriented quibbles of those who  
19 have hidden agendas to stand to make large profits from  
20 the relocation of the prison.

21           But that said, as any draft, there are some  
22 improvements. You heard many of them. To just briefly  
23 summarize, I hope you will take into account the good  
24 nuts and bolts points that I believe were made by  
25 Mrs. Hartzell, Councilman Hartzell on behalf of the City

1 of Larkspur, particularly with respect to the traffic,  
2 with respect to the west gate.

3           Particularly, with respect to the visuals, I  
4 would like to see, candidly, in looking a little bit  
5 more definitive comparison of the stacked versus the  
6 single story alternative.

7           Candidly, it pretty much says it's six of one  
8 and half a dozen of the other. That's not my  
9 impression.

10           My impression is that the stacked alternative  
11 is far less invasive than the single story alternative  
12 in a number of senses.

13           And it particularly -- and in connection with  
14 the removal of the houses. I think that conclusion  
15 would be brought out if the two were examined a little  
16 bit more closely.

17           I just want to stress the great importance of  
18 the visuals. In sum, please, wherever creativity can be  
19 brought to bear, I believe it can.

20           Somebody talked about creating something new  
21 there. Put them on contract and get their creativity  
22 into building something grand in the stacked version.

23           In short, please give us something closer to a  
24 castle than a concentration camp. And Exhibit 4.1-11  
25 is a start but it needs a lot more work.

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1 And I believe you can do a lot more with it.

2 In sum, I think as a Marinite and Larkspur  
3 resident, Marin residents should say, yes, in our  
4 backyard. It belongs there.

5 But after all, this is Marin. So do give us  
6 your highly mitigated designer Death Row.

7 Thank you.

8 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. And we've got two  
9 more speakers. Is there Michael Cooper?

10 MR. HOOPER: Michael Hooper --

11 MS. DANIELS: Oh, Hooper.

12 MR. HOOPER: Hooper, H-o-o-p-e-r. I, too, am a  
13 long-term 20-year resident of the City of Larkspur.  
14 I live on 157 Madrone Avenue.

15 I also hold an interest in a development piece  
16 of property at Larkspur Landing, 2000 Larkspur Landing  
17 Circle.

18 And that particular piece of property is shown  
19 in the City of Larkspur's new housing element that was  
20 just approved by the State for 120 homes.

21 In reviewing the document, I've been kind of  
22 looking at it on and off here for the last couple of  
23 weeks, I see no reference to that.

24 So you might want to take that into account.  
25 You know, hopefully, it will get approved. It may not.



1 Who knows.

2 But you should definitely look at it. With  
3 that point -- at this point, I'd like to preface my  
4 remaining remarks by saying -- I actually had the  
5 opportunity to take a tour of San Quentin about three  
6 weeks ago, maybe four weeks ago.

7 And I have to say it's a mess. It's terrible,  
8 absolutely awful. The conditions there, both for the  
9 inmates and for the correctional officers, is  
10 inappropriate and it should change.

11 I don't think it should change in this  
12 location. I think there are other locations that we  
13 should be looking at.

14 I think this is a very sensitive piece of  
15 property. I think land in Marin -- I think land in the  
16 Bay Area is a scarce commodity.

17 And for those reasons, I think we should be  
18 looking far more closely at what we put those pieces of  
19 land -- what uses we put those pieces of land to.

20 I'd like to focus now on just a couple of  
21 issues. There are a number of issues that several other  
22 people have spoken about but I'm not going to focus on  
23 those.

24 The two issues, the west gate and the views.  
25 I think the views -- I think the architecture of this

1 building is awful.

2 I think that certainly if anybody else had  
3 designed this -- any other developer had designed this  
4 -- because if any other builder had designed this --  
5 because that's what the Department is in this particular  
6 situation, they are builders.

7 And they would have to go through public  
8 review. And I don't think too many people would be  
9 proposing that kind of architecture and getting away  
10 with it.

11 When I look at the site plan, I tried to be  
12 very constructive. I actually think that sooner or  
13 later something is going to get built there because I  
14 think it's very hard to change the language that  
15 requires this use to be in that location.

16 So I took a look at it and I asked myself:  
17 Would I build that? Would I accept that particular site  
18 plan?

19 And I quickly came to the conclusion that it  
20 didn't make any sense. It certainly doesn't make any  
21 sense from the standpoint of any citizens of Marin and  
22 especially Larkspur and anybody riding that ferry.

23 If I were a developer of that particular piece  
24 of property, I'd be moving the tall buildings back and  
25 out of sight.

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1 I'd be putting the low buildings out front,  
2 where they're visible and closer to the Bay.

3 And I understand that there is security-types  
4 of issues that direct those kinds of things. But, you  
5 know, from a view standpoint, you need to set big stuff  
6 back and the small stuff forward.

7 I then looked at the site plan as it stands  
8 right now. And I see Dairy Hill, a huge mound of dirt.  
9 Where is that dirt going?

10 And I said, opportunity. I didn't say spread  
11 it all over the property, I said build a berm around the  
12 front of the property, especially on the piece that  
13 fronts onto the Bay.

14 You build that berm; you set it back and you  
15 don't see it.

16 So I would ask that in taking this next step  
17 that you consider some of those design alternatives.

18 Some of the other speakers spoke about the  
19 traffic. I read the traffic report. My traffic report  
20 is quoted in your traffic report. Some of the  
21 information in your traffic report is definitely  
22 inconsistent with the city and with the traffic report  
23 that we've undertaken.

24 So, again, I think you need to, you know, look  
25 a little closer and do a cleaner and more comprehensive

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1 job.

2 The whole document needs to be much tighter.  
3 I think the west gate is a big issue to the City of  
4 Larkspur.

5 This property is at the entry. It's a gateway.  
6 It's a gateway to the City of Larkspur. When coming  
7 from the bridge, you see it.

8 I'm very worried, very concerned that the  
9 traffic that you show coming into the west gate may be  
10 there on day one, but it may be many times that at the  
11 end of the first, the second, the third, the fourth or  
12 the 5th year.

13 It just doesn't jive. Thank you.

14 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. And, let's see, we  
15 have David Kunhardt. Is he still here?

16 MR. KUNHARDT: Yes. I'm David Kunhardt. I  
17 live at 141 Hill Path in Corte Madera.

18 First, I want to make a couple of points in  
19 connection to -- between the EIR and CEQA and then  
20 introduce another concept, the concept of opportunity  
21 costs here.

22 It's my reading of the legislative intent of  
23 CEQA that no agency is exempt from the provisions of  
24 CEQA.

25 It's very clear in the legislative intent that

1 the State intended that every agency has an obligation  
2 to consider the long-term environmental and economic  
3 future of the surrounding area of each of its  
4 facilities, whether that facility is a state office  
5 building or a prison.

6 And the two sections, specifically, 21000(g)  
7 21001(g) refer to that very specifically.

8 So I read the EIR, unfortunately, as saying  
9 because your jurisdiction -- it doesn't have  
10 jurisdiction over the prisons, then we don't have to  
11 coordinate plans.

12 I think that's in error. And I think that's a  
13 shortcoming of the EIR, that it doesn't speak to the  
14 plans that have been -- that are in place for each of  
15 the neighboring jurisdictions.

16 The San Quentin Vision Plan, just 13 months old  
17 now, has some wonderful ideas and wonderful concepts to  
18 take advantage of some features of this particular  
19 property that are different from every other prison  
20 property in the State.

21 There is no other prison property in the State  
22 that has the potential of occupying a territory that's  
23 very much equivalent to downtown Tiburon, to downtown  
24 Sausalito;

25 Very much equivalent to other places where

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1 every acre is worth hundreds and hundreds of thousands  
2 of dollars.

3 It's just not the same. So as a taxpayer, I am  
4 concerned when this EIR evaluates the no-build  
5 alternative against the build alternatives, it  
6 completely leaves out the fact that this real estate is  
7 worth vastly more than each of the other real estate  
8 surrounding each of the other prisons in the prison  
9 system.

10 And there doesn't seem to be any accounting  
11 for that. And, in fact, there appears to have been  
12 several recommendations for there to be an audit that  
13 has not taken place and is not taken into account.

14 And so I think that the alternatives analysis  
15 is flawed and it has a great shortcoming, because it  
16 doesn't consider those price alternatives.

17 And very specifically -- and this -- building  
18 on what the gentleman who just spoke said, the gateway  
19 aspect of this particular site and each of these plans  
20 takes up the most visible, the most prominent front door  
21 entry into the property from the west.

22 If there is to be any other reuse, if there is  
23 to be any new ferry terminal, if there is to be any  
24 educational facility, any reuse of the historic villages  
25 of the property or expansion of other uses collateral

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1 with a prison or not, this is going to be a  
2 roadblock to any of those.

3 Because nobody in their right mind is going to  
4 invest real dollars in any of the interior or  
5 shore-based areas, of which there are several, if right  
6 at the front door, there is very substantial --

7 And this is not -- I'm afraid to say -- a  
8 designer Death Row and can't be. It's a 618,000 square  
9 foot program of new space. It's massive.

10 And it's going to be massive, whether it's  
11 spread out or raised or stacked or anything. It's a  
12 very, very substantial development.

13 And for it to take up the gateway entry is  
14 going to be for it to destroy the values that could be  
15 around.

16 And, also, to echo once more what my neighbor  
17 -- good neighbor said: You know, if this investment is  
18 pursued, then it will lock in a future for 200 years and  
19 it can't be just this that's done because the rest of  
20 the facilities of the prison are going have to be  
21 modernized.

22 So we're talking about a billion dollars of  
23 expense, certainly not the estimated for two years the  
24 220 million dollars of expense.

25 I really appreciate you taking the time and

1 listening and being patient tonight.

2 Thank you very much for your time.

3 MS. DANIELS: You're welcome. Well, we have  
4 one more speaker. We're kind of getting close to our  
5 time limit here. Speaker card? Thank you.

6 MR. MARQUEZ: My name is Michael Marquez,  
7 M-a-r-q-u-e-z. I'm a student, a college student.

8 And I haven't read the report but from hearing  
9 what everyone is talking about, I pretty much want to  
10 second everyone's opinions on the esthetics, the energy  
11 and the water use.

12 And I'm a resident in San Leandro. But from  
13 hearing what everyone is talking about and from  
14 observing, I pretty much -- it seems, like, I'm hearing  
15 more of negativity from this project than positivity.

16 And I haven't heard one person say anything  
17 that is positive coming out of this. So I'm wondering  
18 where you have two options, right or left, when you have  
19 the negatives higher than the positives, are you still  
20 going to go with it?

21 But two things: My concern is just the water  
22 pollution -- I don't know -- even know if that's been  
23 mitigated or even looked at.

24 But, I mean, the more roofs, the more concrete  
25 you have, the more runoff you'll have. And pretty much



1 where is that runoff going?

2 I'm not sure. But, I mean, that's something  
3 that I hope somebody thinks about or looks into.

4 The water use, I mean, we have a problem with  
5 the over-extraction of water. And I'm just wondering  
6 how much water can we -- more water can we use than  
7 California is already using to have this facility up to  
8 use.

9 And if the final -- pretty much the end product  
10 of this whole meeting and if everything goes through, if  
11 that building is going to get built, I mean, I would  
12 like to not see it as a prison or added on to a prison,  
13 where pretty much the more Death Row inmates you have,  
14 we're not getting nowhere.

15 You know, can there be a facility for  
16 rehabilitation, counseling, education, maybe even some  
17 kind of church?

18 If that's possible, then maybe the old prison  
19 can go away with educating and helping. If you quit and  
20 don't try to help prisoners, then they'll never end.

21 So pretty much all I'm saying is we're not  
22 helping the problem by housing more inmates.

23 So it's worth a try, to try to help the  
24 community. We are human beings. We're all human  
25 beings.

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1           So if you don't try, you will never know.

2           MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Well, I want to thank  
3 all of you for coming to our public hearing tonight.

4           We certainly have heard many different  
5 positions on the merits of the project. And we've also  
6 gotten some really good information from you on the  
7 draft EIR, some good suggestions.

8           It looks like we have -- how are we doing on  
9 the time? Do we have time for one more speaker? If you  
10 can keep it brief, you can I come on up.

11           MS. KETTUNEN-ZEGART: Thank you. I was here  
12 attending many meetings when we've talked about the  
13 Vision For San Quentin and that included a component for  
14 a rehabilitation program, which would incorporate the  
15 very best things that are happening at San Quentin right  
16 now.

17           And I think that it would be really helpful if,  
18 instead of preparing a very large project, which does  
19 not meet the needs of the community, one that will have  
20 a terribly adverse light impact, traffic impact and  
21 water and resource impact, that it would be far better  
22 to have worked with Marin County and the Vision For San  
23 Quentin, which incorporated this program.

24           There should be perhaps more, better caring  
25 places for the condemned inmates for long-term care but

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1 not in an area that is highly impacted in density, as in  
2 Marin County and at this particular location.

3 It's 150 years old but there are spaces and  
4 communities that desperately need the influx of job  
5 opportunities.

6 The Pelican Bay has done so much for Del Norte  
7 County. And we need to have that in other areas. And  
8 I'm sure that they would be hospitable.

9 And it is not a very good site for expansion.

10 MS. DANIELS: Thank you. Thank you for keeping  
11 it brief. We're going to end the public hearing right  
12 now. I, again, want to thank you. I want to thank the  
13 County of Marin for allowing us the use of their  
14 facilities.

15 We appreciate your support for that. We will  
16 be taking your comments. We will be taking them back to  
17 be Sacramento.

18 Our team will be looking at them. You have  
19 given us some good ideas on some different mitigation  
20 strategies.

21 We'll take a closer look at that. We will be  
22 preparing a final Environmental Impact Report, which  
23 will probably come out, oh, January, February, depending  
24 on the volume of the comments we do receive.

25 Again, thank you all for being here and drive

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1 safely home and thank you.

2 (Whereupon, the proceedings adjourned at 9:00  
3 o'clock p.m.)

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